

ACT Alliance Appeal – GRRF24

Global Rapid Response Fund 2024

Total Appeal Target: USD 3,250,000

Balance Requested: USD 2,529,167

25 March 2024

Dear ACT Alliance Members,

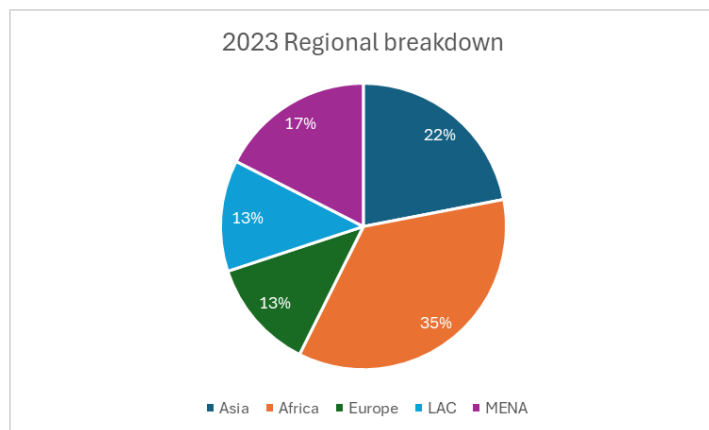
The Global Rapid Response Fund (GRRF) is an annual funding appeal administered by the ACT Alliance secretariat. The fund prioritises ACT local and national members in line with our commitment to locally led response and in recognition of the distinct advantage these members have in providing timely, high quality, emergency response interventions. Funds for the RRF are provided by ACT Alliance members and non-members.

The revised ACT Humanitarian Policy came into effect on 01 January 2022. The policy reinforces our commitment to locally led response. The tangible changes in the Global Rapid Response Fund, introduced under the revised Humanitarian Policy, reflect the primary role that local and national members play in humanitarian response within our Alliance. ACT Alliance through its national members has been at the forefront of supporting local responses, often in contexts that may not always attract the attention of the media and donors. In such contexts, the impact of disasters at community level can be profound, and it is in such instances where the relevance and effectiveness of local and national actors and faith-based organisations, as well as the reach of ACT Alliance, is clearly demonstrated.

ACT members at the local and national levels are rooted within communities, familiar with their needs and positioned to respond rapidly in times of crisis. Dignity, community empowerment and capacity-strengthening are cornerstones of our local and national responses. As a network of local, national, and international actors working in partnership, international and global members of ACT Alliance are uniquely placed to support local and national ACT members to deliver high quality locally led emergency response programmes. ACT Alliance with over 90 local and national members has the potential to be a leading actor globally in promoting high quality locally led emergency response programmes.

In 2023, the Global RRF Appeal funding target was USD 3,000,000. By the end of the year, the Appeal received a total income of USD 1,651,425.61, net of the secretariat management costs, with the carry over balance from 2022 reaching the appeal target.

Net income received in 2023 in USD	1,651,425.61
Funds returned	26,866.53 ¹
Balance carried forward from 2022	1,428,910.93
Total funds available	3,107,203.07
Total payments	2,386,370.00
Fund balance, end of 2023	720,833.07



Over the course of 2023, a total of USD 2,386,370 from the fund was disbursed to 18 members across 15 countries, and the remaining balance of **USD 720,833.07** has been carried over to this new Appeal, GRRF24.

GRRF23 SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Please refer to the GRRF23 report for more details or email cbullecer@actalliance.org if you would like to receive a copy of the report.

- With funding from GRRF23, a total of 216,096 persons received assistance or an average of 21,609 persons received assistance per response with an average cost of USD8.79 per recipient. Most of the assistance provided was in the form of food and household items.
- Only 7.6% of the total recipients received cash assistance which is slightly lower than last year.
- There were more female recipients (53%) who received assistance than male recipients (47%), with 2,668 persons with disabilities served.
- The average number of days between alert and proposal submission decreased to 11 days, from 19 days in 2022. Fund transfers were made on average within seven days.

GRRF24 FUND REQUEST

The GRRF24 budget is USD 3,250,000 with a funding request of USD 2,529,167. This request will aid communities impacted by humanitarian crises in up to 20 local contexts with a maximum funding ceiling of USD 150,000 per local member. GRRF proposals are assessed based on the ACT Scale up criteria which includes a requirement for requesting members to include a needs assessment and updated EPRP as part of their application for funding. RRF funding projects are normally between a minimum two and maximum six-month duration. An additional allocation of USD 250,000 will be earmarked for anticipatory action pilot project.

¹ Underspents from GRRF22 that were returned in 2023: RRF08/2022 (CWSA) – 8,884.01 and RRF19/2022 (HIA) – 17,982.52

The GRRF24 Appeal is issued in line with the reforms introduced in the revised ACT Humanitarian Policy, whereby appeals are primarily designed for large-scale and major emergencies. The RRF mechanism is for small to medium-scale emergency responses implemented by local and national members exclusively². As such, this appeal is issued with a particular intention of encouraging other modes of fundraising with members (including a projectized approach to access possible back donor funding).

Furthermore, whilst the core purpose of the RRF remains as support for local ACT member's life-saving work, in selecting projects for funding, holistic approaches to emergency programming that fall within the priorities of the ACT Global Strategy will be given consideration within the context of a humanitarian crisis, e.g. emergency preparedness, survivor and community-led approaches (SCLR), gender justice, addressing climate and conflict drivers, and investments in local humanitarian capacity. This operational flexibility contributes to learning within our Alliance on ways to further improve our humanitarian work within the RRF framework.

ANTICIPATORY ACTION PILOT

In 2024, up to USD 250,000 from the RRF will be allocated to support the continuation of a pilot project which will be implemented in partnership with Diakonie KatastrophenHilfe (DKH) in Southern Africa. Phase 2 of the pilot, builds on learning from DKH's anticipatory action project implemented through ACT Alliance members in Mozambique, Madagascar and Malawi using [DKH's guidance and toolkit](#). Learning from the pilot will be captured and evidenced to inform ACT's strategic direction in this critically important area of our humanitarian work. Funding members can specifically earmark funds within the RRF to be used for this purpose.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Description	GRRF23 Appeal Budget (USD)
Rapid Response Fund	3,250,000
Carryover balance from GRRF22	720,833
Balance Requested (in USD)	2,529,167

REPORTING SCHEDULE

THE GRRF24 summary report will be available by 28 February 2025. Cut-off date for income and disbursements will be 31 December 2023. Individual projects within GRRF24 with a reporting deadline after 15 February 2025 will be included in an updated appeal report by 30 August 2025 with the project summaries in an Annex. Individual project reports can be requested from the secretariat, please email cyra.bullecer@actalliance.org

Kindly send your contributions to GRRF23 to the following ACT bank accounts:

Account Number: 240-432629.60A (USD)
 IBAN No: CH46 0024 0240 4326 2960A
 Swift Code: UBSWCHZH80A

Account Name: ACT Alliance
 Bank Name and Address: UBS SA, P.O. Box 2600, Geneva 2, SWITZERLAND

² With limited exceptions as per the revised ACT Humanitarian Policy

Please inform the Director of Operations, Nancy Ette (nancy.ette@actalliance.org) and Head of Humanitarian Affairs, Niall O'Rourke (niall.orourke@actalliance.org) with a copy to humanitarianfinance@actalliance.org of all pledges/contributions and transfers. Please also be sure to inform us at the time of your pledge of any back donor or other special requirements relevant to the contribution.

In line with Grand Bargain commitments to reduce the earmarking of humanitarian funding, if you have an earmarking request in relation to your pledge, a member of the Secretariat's humanitarian team will contact you to discuss this request. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation. Please email Cyra Bullecer (cyra.bullecer@actalliance.org) to request for an updated Rapid Response Fund funding levels and copy of the GRRF reports.

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